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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

MIRZAOFF, ANDREW

REF: STATE 194199

1. CONSULAR ACCESS: PER POST FILES, MIRZAOFF ARRESTED 4/12/75, CONOFF INFORMED OF ARREST BY DEA. ACCESS DENIED APRIL 14 BUT VISIT PERMITTED IN AG'S OFFICE 4/15/75. MIRZAOFF TOLD CONOFF THAT HE REQUESTED CONTACT EMBASSY AND NOT PERMITTED. HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT NOK NOT BE NOTIFIED. HE HAS BEEN VISITED FREQUENTLY SINCE THEN.

2. MISTREATMENT AT TIME OF ARREST: PER POST FILES, MIRZAOFF ALLEGED TO CONOFF THREE DAYS AFTER ARREST THAT HAD BEEN BEATEN WITH FISTS FOR SIX HOURS AT TIME OF ARREST. NO MARKS VISIBLE TO CONOFF. WHEN QUESTIONED, REPLIED QUOTE WHEN SOMEONE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING, HE DOESN'T LEAVE MARKS UNQUOTE. BECAUSE OF LACK OF POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIATION, NO ACTION APPEARS FEASIBLE.

3. CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY: AT FIRST INTERVIEW WITH CONOFF, MIRZAOFF ASKED ASSISTANCE IN GETTING BACK IVORY BUDDHA, POLAROID CAMERA AND ELECTRIC CALCULATOR. SOME OF HIS POSSESSIONS HAVE BEEN RETURNED, BUT EMBASSY WILL CHECK ON THESE ITEMS.

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4. MISTREATMENT IN PRISON: DURING MAY 9 PRISON VISIT, MIRZAOFF TOLD CONOFF HE HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED AT ALL. ON JULY 17 VISIT, HAD TOLD CONOFF HE HAD BEEN HIT A FEW TIMES PREVIOUS AFTERNOON BY AYUDANTES FOR ALLEGEDLY INSULTING SOME MEXICANS. HE WAS NOT SERIOUSLY HURT AND DID NOT WANT INCIDENT MENTIONED.

5. COMMISSIONED JOB: MIRZAOFF HAS HAD COMMISSIONED JOB AS PAINTER AND ARTIST SINCE 6/75 AND IS SATISFIED HE IS GETTING FULL CREDIT FOR IT.
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